



WEEKLY REVIEW

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What Happened Last Week

- Global markets were down on mixed data and amidst Fed speakers' hawkish tone on rising global oil prices.
 - US August core PCE price index rose by 0.1% m/m, slightly below expectations of a 0.2% increase.
 - September US Consumer Confidence Survey came in at 103, lower than market expectation of 105.5 and previous period of 106.1.
 - Labor market remains tight as jobless claims for the week came in at 204k, lower than market estimate of 215k.
 - Brent Futures climbed 2% to USD95.31/bbl last week, as Saudi Arabia and Russia cuts supply.
 - Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari said at least one more 25-bp hike is needed while NY Fed President John Williams said the Fed will need to stay restrictive
- The PSEi continued to buck the trend with some spill over bargain hunting from last week and quarter-end window dressing.

WoW changes:

- The 10-year US Treasury yield closed higher at 4.57% from 4.44%.
- The 10-year PHP benchmark yield closed higher at 6.50% from 6.46%
- PHP appreciated versus the USD at 56.59 from 56.80.
- S&P 500 declined by 0.74% to 4,288.05
- The PSEi rose by 2.91% to 6,321.24

What to Expect This Week

- Investors will tune in for US manufacturing activity and jobs data.
- Local Investors will closely watch the release of PH September inflation data. Market expects a print of 5.3% while BSP's expectation range between 5.3% to 6.1%.
- The local equity market will continue to experience some volatility from the 3rd off-cycle rebalancing in a span of 2 weeks. Effective October 3, UBP will be replaced by NIKL in the PCOMP Index.